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Dear Leo:

Thank you for your July 7 letter. I share your concern for the plight of the Afghan refugees. We are resolved to see that the political and relief needs of these courageous victims of Soviet aggression are met.

I was proud to note the fine work being carried out in the refugee camps by the International Rescue Committee and other American voluntary agencies.

Thank you also for the copy of the IRC's annual report. My colleagues in the Department share my appreciation for the Committee's endeavors throughout the world.

Sincerely yours,

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